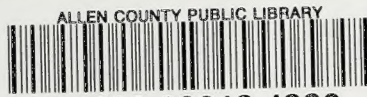








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HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Great Grand Father, and Great Grand Mother,  
Bright

David Bright, Sr. one of a family of 4 sons  
was born in 1783.

Died June-30-1828.

His wife Sarah Reber was born 1781<sup>5 JUL 1785</sup>

Died Jan-12-1869.

Sarah Reber was a sister of Valentine Reber,  
who was the father of Henry Reber

Mr and Mrs Bright as newlyweds came  
to Fairfield Co. Ohio. in 1800.

from Berks Co Pa. Two of Mr Bright's  
brothers accompanied them in 1800,  
one other brother came from Berks Co Pa.  
in 1801.

Valentine Reber settled where the old  
Reber home is now located.

Peter Reber where Lancaster is now.

Mr and Mrs David Bright, Sr. traveled  
to Ohio in a covered wagon pulled by  
an oxen team, and settled on the land  
known to us as the Bright farm, which  
is 3 miles west of Lancaster, Ohio.

They cleared the land and built their  
home near the old stone





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Crude farming with hand made tools  
of wood. The destruction of crops by wild  
game squirrels and coons made farming  
difficult. Also wild animals and Indians  
made their lives in great danger.

Mr and Mrs David Bright Sr were  
the parents of 2 sons and 4 daughters.

David Bright Jr.

John Bright

Mrs Sarah Fellers.

Mrs Margaret Arnold.

Mrs Dina Boyer.

Mrs Grabbell.

After the early death of David Sr.  
Great Grand Mother with her children  
in the old home place. They were buried  
in the Family cemetery in the old  
orchard. Was later moved to the  
Baughner Cemetery.

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## Grand Father and Grand Mother Bright.

John Bright was the son of David and Sarah Bright.

Born Dec-9-1810.

Died July-9-1889.

He was born in a log cabin 3 miles west of Lancaster, where he lived on that home stead untill death.

He married Sarah Arnold, June 15-1833 the daughter of Jacob and Rachel Arnold.

Sarah Arnold Bright

Born - April - 15 - 1813

Died Oct. - 16 - 1887.

Grand Mother was reared in a log cabin and went to housekeeping in a cabin, on the Bright home stead.

Grand Father was a farmer, a hard working man and a kind neighbor, always ready to help his neighbors in time of need.

His education was limited. He could neither read nor write.

In the last few years of his life he was an invalid and he could usually be found sitting on the porch, with his hat on and his cane in his hand in his good old rocking chair.

During his last years he was cared for by his son Jacob Bright and wife, who lived in the home with him.







Grand Mother Bright was a good kind and loving mother, always looking after the welfare of there family. And would always welcome them them to come home no differance how often. And always ready to love her Grand children,

She was a devout christian. her church home at the Bangher Lutheran Church. Mr and Mrs John Bright were the parents of 11 children 8 sons and 3 daughters. One died in infancy.

Thomas. Bright, Deceased.

Mrs	Mary.	Fisher,	"
	Warren,	Bright,	"
Mrs	Louisa,	H. as.	"
	Levi	Bright,	"
	George,	Bright,	"
	Jacob,	Bright,	"
	Cathrine,	Bright,	"
	William,	Bright,	"
	Nelson,	- Bright,	"

They also raised one of thier grand children, Ida Bright daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Bright. whose mother died when Ida was just a babe. She lived with her Grand Parents untill she married Ash Brant. John and Sarah were the Grand parents of 31 children and the Great Grand parents of.







How well our Grand Children remember the joy it was for us to visit at their home. We cherish memories of how we gathered chestnuts and hickernuts up on the hill and drank from the fountain at the foot of the hill by the road side, and run the hill in the yard to the old spring house where there was another fine spring. There we would eat Bread and milk, and made in the water back of the spring.

The Bright homestead was in the Bright name 133 years. The Great Grand Parents The Grand Parents. Then there 2 sons Jacob and George lived there lives respectively. All the children of Golm and Sarah Bright was born in the log cabin except Nelson he was born in the new house which build where the log cabin stood, Was built ago.

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Thomas Bright  
son of John & Sarah Bright

Thomas Bright Born Apr 1. <sup>st</sup>. 1834.  
Died June 14<sup>th</sup>. 1920.

Married Mary Shaffer - Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1860

Mary died - May 15 - 1862.

Born to this union.

one daughter Ida Alice.

Date of birth, May 6. 1862.

Deceased.

Ida Alice married

Wash. Brant.

Born to this union

one son

two daughters.

Thomas Bright second Marriage  
Rebecca. Brant. Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. 1864  
Rebecca. deceased.

Born to this union

one daughter Sarah Ann.

Sarah Deceased.

one daughter born to Sarah

Daisy M. Bright.

Deceased

Daisy married to Samuel Campbell

Born to this union

two sons.







Mary Bright.

married.

John Fisher.

Mary deceased, age - 80 yrs.

John deceased, age - 74 yrs.

Buried Forest Rose Cemetery Lancaster

Born to this union five sons  
and one daughter.

Melancton P.

Deceased age - 79 yrs.

Buried Greenfield Cemetery

Married

Ella Wierse

Born to this union three  
sons and one daughter

Loyd, Married Bessie Wilderwith  
Born to this union one  
son. Walter.

Mary = Not married.

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John - Fishers family.  
Ella - family

Ruth married Sterle Frye.  
no children.

Margie married Elvin Swander  
one son born to this family

Thomas - not married  
Amelia not married

Henry - married Ophelia Bigerton  
deceased  
no children,  
married Nellie Saylor no heirs

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Harry - Fisher  
 married Agnes Bookwalter  
 born to this union two sons  
 Charles =

Richard.

John Fisher married Lela Miller  
 born to this union two sons.

Robert =

Phillip.





John Fisher - family continued

Dr Edward =  
deceased = 66 yrs =  
buried Forest Rose Cemetery  
Lancaster Ind

Elga - married Harry Striter.  
born to this union three sons  
& three daughters.  
Richard L. married Seta Chase  
born to this union one son. Richard

Dewey married Elsie Cook born to this  
union two daughters and one son  
Jean -

Mary Jo -

Paul married Beverly Glick.

Emmet married Marie -  
born to this union one son & one daughter  
Eugene =

Helena =

Rose Mary - married Hal Rowland.  
born to this union one son & one daughter  
Roger

Due.





Lorisa Bright

married Benjamin Haas, 1868.

Lorisa Bright, Haas. deceased.

Died Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1896.

age 54 yr - 5 mo - 26 days.

Buried Amanda Township Cemetery.

Benjamin Haas. Deceased.

Died - 1911.

age - 72 yr - 6 mo

Buried Amanda Township Cemetery

Born to this union.

three daughters

one son.

namely.

Leotta -

Etta -

Alice -

Charley -

Leotta married Joseph B. Wiese.

Joseph B. Wiese Deceased

died Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1942 -

age 78 yr. 11 mo - 1 day

Buried Amanda Township Cemetery.

Leotta Haas Wiese deceased.

died Jan 16 - 1945

age 75 yr.

Buried Amanda Township Cemetery

Born to this union

one son, Lawrence Haas-Wiese

Lawrence married Ometa Miller

Born to this union

one son.

Dewitt L. Wiese





Etta married Jim. Elsworth Alsbaugh  
Nov. 29-1888.

Born to this union.

three sons,

namely

Ralph. Benjamin.

Harold. Paul.

Donald. Judson.

Ralph B. married.

Lillian M. Haas.

Nov-28<sup>th</sup> 1928.

(No children)

Harold P. married.

Vina Belle McFarland.

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1936

Born to this union

one son. Donn. Paul.

Born Nov-16-1937.





Donald. Judson. Married  
 Ada Elizabeth Eisle,  
 Aug 15 - 1936.

Born to this union  
 one daughter  
 one son.

Judith. Kay  
 Born Oct - 5 - 1941.

Donald. Judson. Jr.  
 Born. Sept - 3 - 1944.





Alce married  
William E. Sitterly.

Born to this union,  
two sons.

John Haas.

Kenneth Charles.

John married Lucile Bishop.

Born to this union

two daughters.

Silva Lucile.

Emily Irene.

Kenneth married

Helen Dare Hummel.

Born to this union,

one son

one daughter.

Brooks.

Nancy Dare.





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Charley Haas. married  
Ivah Stupe.  
Ivah deceased.  
died

age - 52.  
buried Amanda Burstin Cemetery

Born to this man.

one son.

Doyle. Stupe. Haas.  
Doyle married. Alice Phillips  
(No heirs.

Doyle was in service of  
World War II 3 yrs.





Levi Bright, married.

Louisa Miller.

Levi deceased.

age - 85 yrs.

Buried Millersport Cemetery.

Louisa deceased.

age - 81 yr.

Buried Millersport Cemetery

Born to this union

one daughter.

two sons.

Elta. Deceased - age - 81 yr. Buried Millersport Cemetery.

Charles.

Clay.

Elta married Clay Reber.

Clay deceased age. 67.

Born to this union

one daughter.

Edna. Bright Reber.

married Russel Hiatt.

Born to this union

one son.

Volara. Wayne. Fin World War II. 22 yr

Volara married

Alberta. May Reams.

John Russel. Hiatt.

deceased. age 79.



Charley. Bright. married  
Lillian Smith.

(No heirs)

Charley deceased  
age 76y. Buried Millersport Cundy

Clay. Bright. married  
Ada Belt.

Born to this union  
one daughter,  
Mary Catherine.





George Bright  
 Deceased - age = 65 yrs. buried in  
 Baughen Cemetery - Not married.  
 Born Dec = 4 - 1845 died Feb = 21 - 1910.

Catherine Bright, (buried in <sup>wedding</sup> clothes)  
 Deceased - age = 22 yrs 8 mo - 28 da. buried  
 in Baughen Cemetery. Not married.  
 Born - 1850 - died Feb = 16 - 1872.

Jacob Bright, married  
 Anna Heffner.  
 Jacob deceased, age = 62  
 Buried Forest Rose Cemetery.

Anna deceased, age = 59.  
 Buried Forest Rose Cemetery.

Born to this union  
 two sons Omer & Erbin  
 two daughters,  
 Flora & Candice.

Omer married  
 Gertrude Murphy.

No heirs

Flora married Carl D Lufe.

one son = Charles.





Flora married  
Carl. Schulte,

Born to this union  
one son Charles.

Erbin married Mary Macklin

Born to this union one son & one daughter  
Paul = married Pauline Snyder = Mary Anna  
Born to this union one son Anna Lee.

Claudia married,

Ray Kamp. (Died)

Born to this union one daughter

Marlyn.

Claudia = married Thurman Hedger,  
No heirs.



William Bright married.  
 Ella Wyse.  
 William deceased, age 81 yrs.  
 Buried. Old cemetery Bremen  
 Ella deceased age. 83 yrs.  
 Buried. Old cemetery Bremen  
 Born to this union.  
 one son.  
 Clyde - married  
 Fay. Elder.

Born to this union  
 one daughter.  
 Ella May. married  
 Edward Turner

Born to this union,  
 two sons.  
 Elmer W.

Larry E.





Nelson Bright, married  
 Mahala Wierse  
 Mahala deceased  
 age - 75 yrs.  
 Buried Forest Rose Cemetery

Born to this union,  
 two daughters,  
 Lula,  
 Wable,  
 Lula married Byron Hite  
 (no heirs)

Wable deceased, age 27,  
 Buried Forest Rose Cemetery

Wable married  
 Harley Peck,  
 Born to this union  
 one son  
 Oliver Nelson.





Born = Aug = 6 = 1837

Warren Bright married  
Emma A. Holiday <sup>Born = Sept 12 1848</sup>  
Warren deceased  
Emma. deceased

Born to this union.  
6 daughters.  
7. sons.

Lillie E. Bright <sup>Born = June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1874</sup> married  
Walter Longstreth,  
Lillie :  
Walter :  
No heirs

John Alva =

John deceased.

Born = Oct = 23 - 1872 - age 4 yrs  
Died Nov - 4. 1876

Martin W. married <sup>Born = Sept = 23 - 1874</sup>  
Claude E. Weaver =  
Martin deceased age 37 yrs.



Warren Bright = Family:

Jacob: E. Bright  
Born = Aug 1 - 1876.  
died = Nov 26 1876 = age 3 mo.

Orman. E. Bright Born Dec = 27 - 1877  
married Anna J. Mallon.  
Deceased.  
Born to this minor daughter  
Infant (Vera Clutter = have no date  
Orman. E. married  
Myrtle. E. Reichelderfer.  
No heirs.

Born = Sept 12 - 1879  
Sadie. M. married  
Earl. D. Bibler =





Glen. A. Bright. Married  
 Katharine Garrison. Born = Dec-28. 1860

Rebecca, E. married Ben. May 28.  
 Benjamin F. Hillis. 1882.

Lovina, E. married - Born. Oct-11 1884  
 Robert, Brown.





Fanchion, Fay, Born = May 7<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Floyd, D. Bright, Born = Nov 27<sup>th</sup> - 1887.



Vernon - S. Bright = Born - Aug - 27. 1889.  
Deceased died Oct - 29 = 1918.

Vera L. Bright - Born = Dec - 20. 1891.





--- MARRIAGES ---

Warren Bright to Emma A. Holliday Mar 17, 1900

Walter Longstreth to Lillie E. Bright

Earl D. Bibler to Sadie M. Bright May 1, 1899

J. Mack Coughley to Rebecca E. Bright Feb. 22, 1903

Martin W. Bright to Claude E. Weaver Apr. 4, 1905

Orman E. Bright to Anna J. Mellon July 25, 1907

Robert Brown to Lovina E. Bright June 26, 1908

Benjamin F. Hillis to Rebecca E. Bright Dec 6, 1909

Floyd D. Bright to Estella Baldwin

Vernon S. Bright to Stella Snyder 1913

Charles Clutter to Vera L. Bright

Glenn A. Bright to Kath. Garrison

Orman E. Bright to Myrtle E. Reichelderfer Dec 21, 1911





--- BIRTHS ---

Warren Bright - Aug. 6, 1838  
 Emma A. Holliday - Sept. 1, 1848  
 Married March 17, 1870 at Bremen, Ohio.

CHILDREN

Little E. Bright born June 30, 1871  
 John Alva Bright born Oct. 23, 1872  
 Martin W? Bright born Sept 23, 1874  
 Jacob E. Bright born Aug. 1, 1876  
 Orman E. Bright born Dec. 27, 1877  
 Saddle M. Bright born Sept. 12, 1879  
 Glenn A. Bright born Dec 28, 1880  
 Rebecca E. Bright born May 28, 1882  
 Lovina E. Bright born Oct. 11, 1884  
 Manahon May Bright born May 7, 1886  
 Floyd D. Bright born Nov. 27, 1887  
 Vernon S. Bright born Aug. 27, 1889  
 Vera L. Bright born Dec. 20, 1891

--- DEATHS ---

John Alva Bright died Nov. 4, 1876  
 Jacob Ernest Bright died Nov. 26, 1876  
 John A. Brown died Feb. 17, 1909 (Lovina Brown's son)  
 Emma Holliday Bright died Oct. 26, 1916  
 Vernon S. Bright died Oct. 23, 1918  
 Estelle Bright (Vernon's wife) died Oct. 20, 1918  
 Warren Bright died Dec. 16, 1931  
 Anna Mallon Bright (ora's wife) died Oct. 23, 1939  
 Infant (Vera Clutter's daughter - have no date









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